



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TREE REMOVAL ALONG HIGHWAY 101 SCHEDULED FOR NEXT THREE WEEKS

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY – A project to remove diseased trees along Hwy. 101 will begin on Monday, Jan. 8. This work will take place in various locations from the Solomon Summit undercrossing to one mile north of the Santa Maria River Bridge.

The number two (slow lane) will be closed in various locations during this project. Southbound lane closures are scheduled Monday through Thursday from 6 am to 1 pm. Northbound lane closures are scheduled Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 2 pm. The southbound off ramp of Hwy. 166 will be closed from Monday, Jan. 8 to Thursday Jan. 11 from 9 am to 3 pm. Similar ramp closures are possible over the length of the project.

Motorists can expect a delay not to exceed 10 minutes. Work on this project should be completed by the end of this month.

The contractor for this \$69,000 project is Quality Enterprises, Incorporated of Truckee, California.

For traffic updates on other state highways in Santa Barbara County, motorists can call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at (805) 549-3318 or can visit the District 5 website at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist/05/maint/road/upsb.htm>

